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#### MISSION STATEMENT

**“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”**

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING Minutes

**Thursday, September 22, 2011**

#### Members Present

Adler, Fred – District Three  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agencies  
Green, R.N., Katy – District One  
Johnson, Wayne – San Diego County Ambulance Assoc.  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District Two  
Salazar, Sgt. Stanley – Law Enforcement Agency

#### Vacant Positions

Binational EMCC  
District Five  
League of California Cities  
San Diego County Medical Society  
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

#### County Staff

Pate, R.N., Rebecca

#### Members Absent

Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Dist. Assoc.  
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District Four  
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs Assoc.  
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

#### Guests Present

Ballard, Rod – RCCP  
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD  
Healy, R.N., Marla – for Linda Rosenberg  
Hussain, Tariq – NCT1  
Nicolaisen, John – NCT1  
Stuart, Lawson – NCT1

#### Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Melody Dotson, R.N. called the meeting to order at 9:15 in place of the Chairperson.

Marla Healy, R.N. introduced herself as representative from the Emergency Nurses Association for Linda Rosenberg, R.N.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public speakers present.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Katy Green to approve the June 23, 2011 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.**

## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee (Melody Dotson) – Policy review**

Policy S-003 was reviewed at the September 8, 2011 Subcommittee meeting. Changes to the policy reflected information on EMS reports to the State. Wording and title changes were updated.

**A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Kelly Forman to approve Policy S-003. Motion carried.**

### **B. Education and Research Subcommittee**

No report.

### **C. Disaster Operations Subcommittee (Rebecca Pate, R.N.)**

The Disaster Operations Subcommittee met on September 16, 2011 by request of the full EMCC to review the EMCC bylaws.

## **V. EMCC BYLAWS REVIEW**

The EMCC bylaws were last reviewed in December of 2002.

After reviewing the bylaws a correction was made to the Health and Safety Code Section number 1797.276, title changes were made to Emergency Medical Services Division from Division to Branch and “Planning” was removed from the Disaster/Operations Subcommittee title.

Updating the EMCC organization membership list was discussed. EMS staff will contact the organizations who have vacant positions to confirm if they want to continue representation on the committee. According to the bylaws, “A maximum of three absences per fiscal year from the full Committee or three absences from any Subcommittee (separately) is allowable to remain a member or technical representative of the full Committee or respective

Subcommittee.” Exceptions such as a leave of absence and/or because of extraordinary circumstances are described in the bylaws under “Attendance”.

## **VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Rebecca Pate, R.N.)**

1. EMCC reviewed the following issues and observations from the power outage on September 8, 2011:
  - Generators overheating, generator failure and generators not providing adequate back-up power to the hospitals.
  - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and assisted living facilities guidelines for loss of power, communication and procedures.
  - Ventilator and oxygen needs at home, board and care facilities and assisted living facilities. Skilled nursing generator guidelines for testing and fuel for prehospital transports and generators was mentioned.
  - Security - Sgt. Salazar inquired about security that was requested from the Sheriff Department for protection at the MOC during the loss of power. Fred Adler responded that at the Disaster Operations Subcommittee meeting it was mentioned that security card and magnetic entrances were affected due to the power outage. Places with security cards were locked down and magnetic entrances were left open and had to be secured.
  - A “hotwash” was conducted at the statewide exercise table top on September 14, 2011.
2. The Sixth Annual Overcrowding summit sponsored by EMOC will be held on October 27, 2011, at Scripps La Jolla from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.
3. Rebecca Pate attended the EMS Commission meeting on September 21, 2011. She reported that the public comment period for EMT and Advanced EMT regulations is closed. A revised version will be out for a 15 day public review.
4. The Paramedic regulations draft will be out for public comment through October 24, 2011. Significant changes were made to basic scope practices.
5. The influenza vaccine is available. The contra indicators with egg allergies in the past are more relaxed. If you have allergies, it is recommended to follow up with your physician regarding taking the vaccine.

## **VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate)**

1. The State Medical Health Exercise and Disaster Drill is on November 17, 2011. The scenario is a disruption in the public water system. The Medical Operations Center (MOC) will be fully activated.
2. On December 12, 2011 there will be a Story of our Cities Conference based on an explosive bioterrorism attack. Sgt. Salazar asked if Law Enforcement will be involved. Dr. Buono responded that she will provide information on the event to Sgt. Salazar.
3. The San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange County Ambulance Association Leadership Training Conference is on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at Pala Casino and Resort. Two speakers are scheduled, Gordon Gray and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Metro from Los Angeles County Fire.
4. Every two years EMS presents a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding a “Spare Wheel Tire Exemption” for certain agencies within the County. The CHP requires an ambulance to have a full size spare tire available in the ambulance. The Board letter is a request to have that need exempt so ambulances can carry additional medical supplies.

5. The County of San Diego was one of five Counties awarded a U.S. Postal Grant. The grant will provide funds for planning and an exercise where U.S. Postal employee volunteers would distribute antibiotics to selected areas in the event of a bioterrorism event.

#### **VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2011 at 9:00 am at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Submitted by

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